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Procedure for the Receipt and LIMS Log-in of Metals Samples for PBCU

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This SOP serves as a checklist for the steps involved in the receipt and LIMS Log-in of Metals samples for PBCU Receiving

1. Open boxes
2. Remove bottles and paperwork from the box. Line bottles up in order of bottle id number.
3. Check paperwork
4. Match each form to a bottle. Use site numbers if available, otherwise use bottle id number.
5. Make sure bottle id number and site number are the same on bottle and form (change form as needed)
6. Check Date/times on forms to be sure at least six hours between water last used and water collected. If not, at log in enter test codes #DWPROB and !VOID for that sample.
7. Check that sample was received by laboratory no more than 14 days after collection. If not, at log in enter test codes #DWPROB and !VOID for that sample.

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8. Check that sample was taken inside sample monitoring period (6 month, yearly or 3 year). If not, at log in enter test code !PBCULATE for that sample.
9. Any problems need are recorded on the **Problem Log Sheet** (one system per sheet. **Do not use more than one form per system unless the first sheet is full.**)
Form location: S:/MetalsForms2/pbucprb170727.xlsx (See Page 6 of this SOP).
10. Check the box in the bottom middle of the page that correlates to method of arrival (UPS, FED EX. US mail, courier, hand or other)
11. In the box to the left for **Acid Date**, write date/time acidified and initial (should be today's date)
13. Add 5ml of Concentrated Nitric Acid to each sample. Samples must sit at least 16 hours before the analysis phase can begin
14. Problem calls can be done immediately or after samples have been logged in. (See 9.)
15. Once the problem is resolved, the information in labworks is updated with removal of the !VOID test code, and the analysis is ordered using #PBCU test group
16. If the sample remains a problem, then it needs to be remailed for resampling. See Remailing section of SOP
17. Either way, add information to #DWPROB explaining what the issue was. If resolved and still has the !VOID test code, then complete and validate the !void test code so it is flagged as sample done. If remailed add that to the #DWPROB, and dispose of the original sample noting that in the #DWPROB comments
18. After 3 attempts (on 3 different days) to contact the system with no response, mail a new bottle, but hold on to the original until approved by a manager for disposal

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Login

1. Place sample bottles on cart or counter in order and make sure paperwork each matches bottle
2. Open labworks/Login/Multisample_login
3. Source_ID# enter system id
4. Sample Description should auto fill with name of the system
5. At this time, ~~you can~~ enter any information that is the same for all bottles in that system
6. Select the row, copy,
7. Select number of rows needed for system and paste
8. Enter information for each bottle
9. Entry Point (PT) is the Site Number
10. Lasttime is the last time water was used, enter using military time
11. Lastdate is the last day water was used
12. Collection time is the time water was collected. Enter using military time
13. Collection Date is the day water was collected
14. If am/pm is omitted, use best judgement (usually for last used go with pm and for collected go with am. Please note, 00:00 is midnight and first minute of new day. Also, 23:59 is last minute of the day)
15. For Sample Collector, use first initial and last name. If last name is not legible, use first name and last initial. If entire name is unreadable or absent, use name on Final Targeted Sample Form. If this form is not available, use Operator Name.
16. Dateacid is the date acid was added, should be date of arrival.
17. DNR_Project is always PBCU
18. BOTTLE_ID is the bottle number
19. Lab is Metals
20. To choose the test code, right click anywhere on row and choose Edit Analysis from drop down list

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21. For non-problem samples add test code #PBCU. If more than one sample for a system, copy and paste to every line
22. Under agency code, choose 1 for routine
23. If requested, samples can be logged in using other agency codes such as 2 for conformation, 3 for replacement, 4 for source and 5 for special.
24. For problems add test code #DWPROB and !VOID
25. For samples arriving having been sampled outside their sampling period add !PBUCLATE
26. Once log in is complete, or the sheet is full (100), click the log in button and save the file using 2 digit year, 2 digit month, 2 digit day, initials. For example, on 11/18/2015 save as 151118DMV01 and increment the number on the end only if labels have already been printed for the first batch, otherwise keep adding them to the same record file
27. For Georgia Rural samples (usually, Guy Kemp) edit through labworks and set the agency code at log in to 5 for special. These samples will have a collected time/date but no last used or bottle id number. The sample description should lead with the Water System Facility ID# 201 and the site number will usually be 301/302/303 etc.
28. To print labels go to J:\Access\Utilities1\metals.mdb
29. Run Report XPBCULBL enter name of login record file (i.e. batch number) from above
30. Add non weatherproof labels to the printer and print
31. To print log in check report go to:
S:\PRIMEDAT\METALS\utilities1A.copy.mdb
32. Run Report rptLoginCheck enter the first day to start and day to end (times are presumed to be 00:00. For example, if only need forms from the 18th add 11/18/2015 and 11/19/2015
33. Make sure labels are out of printer and print

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34. Three labels are printed. One goes on the corresponding form (Copper and Lead Sample Collection Form), one goes on the corresponding bottle, and the last is saved for batching and corresponding tubes
35. Login in check report goes to each system
36. Login check report must be reviewed by Supervisor or another analyst for errors within one or two days. Any errors found must be corrected promptly

Remailing for Problem samples to be recollected

1. Open the file s:\SDWISGA\DWBottleNonTCRSched.accdb
2. Click on button for Drinking Water Systems
3. In WSID enter the system ID number
4. Select bottle ID for remail
5. Click on Replacement Bottle button
6. Enter initials and reason for the remail.
7. If remail is required and the bottle id is unknown, select any bottle and remove comments linking bottles together (i.e. replaced by and replacing comments.)
8. Repeat for each bottle remailed

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Lead and Copper Problem Log Sheet

System ID # _____ System Name _____ Date Acidified _____

Telephone _____ Contact Person _____

Site # _____	LU: _____	C: _____
Name _____	Date _____ Time _____	Date _____ Time _____
Problem <6hrs >14 days missing information spilled in transit missing form missing bottle other		
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contact attempts

type	date	time	name	resolution	initials
1					
2					
3					
4					